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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana



Louisiana
**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
SYMPOSIUM**

February 22-23, 2013 • Baton Rouge Marriott



The 16th Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium is in ONE WEEK!!

Today is the last day to receive the hotel conference rate!

Make your hotel reservation by calling 800-228-9290 and reference the "2013 Louisiana EE Symposium" or [click here](#).

Registration will be accepted at the door but preregistration is required for Short Course sessions.

Download the registration form [here](#).

Our Symposium Program is NOW posted on our website!

[Click here](#) for a preview of what's in store!

All participants will have a chance to enter for the grand door prize –a Nature & Birding Tour!

Attend the Symposium and complete your overall survey for a chance to win this wonderful outdoor adventure, valued at \$300!



The LEEC is now on Facebook! Please "like" our page and share with your friends:

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GRANTS

LEEC 2013-2014 Grant RFPs Released!

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries' Environmental Education Commission (LEEC) is now accepting proposals for their 2013-2014 Grants Program. The submission deadline for each of these grants is **March 15, 2013**. Applications will be accepted via electronic submission only.

Educator Grants

- Based on sound scientific principles, have an environmental focus, and be designed to directly impact Louisiana students
- Those eligible: Accredited K-12 Louisiana schools
- Maximum award: **\$1,000 for 1 teacher or \$2,000 for a team**
- [Educator Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Educator Grant Application](#)

Formal/Non-Formal Educator/Professional Development Grants

- Based on sound scientific principles, have an environmental focus, and be designed to directly impact pre-service and/or in-service educators in Louisiana
- Those eligible: Louisiana education, state, or environmental agencies, colleges, universities, or 501(C)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Maximum award: **\$2,500**
- [Professional Development Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Professional Development Grant Application](#)

School Sustainability Grants

- Designed to encourage student learning via sustainability initiatives in EPA Region 6 K-12 schools
- Proposals to be considered are those within a specific school campus that will both actively engage students and result in a more sustainable facility.
- Those eligible: Accredited K-12 schools in EPA Region 6 area – **Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas**
- Project funds are provided via a grant from the EPA Office of Environmental Education Sub-Grants Program to LDWF
- Maximum award: **\$5000.00**
- [Sustainability Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Sustainability Grant Application](#)

University Research Grants

- Post-graduate research with a focus on environmental issues
- Those eligible: Students attending Louisiana colleges or universities and who are working toward a Masters, Ph.D., or conducting Ph.D. research are eligible to apply on behalf of their school
- Maximum award: **\$1,200**
- [Research Grant Guidelines](#)
- [Research Grant Application](#)

For more information on these grants visit our website at: www.wlf.louisiana.gov/eec or contact Venise Ortego at vortego@wlf.la.gov.

WEBINARS

Mark Your Calendar Now: The Green Strides Webinar Series Continues in 2013

Through the [Green Strides Webinar Series](#) hundreds of state, local and school officials and their communities are tuning in to learn how to reduce their schools' environmental impact and costs; improve health and wellness; and teach effective environmental literacy, including STEM, green careers, and civic engagement. The Series provides administrators, educators, parents and interested third parties the resources to move toward the exemplary levels of U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools[>>>](#).

Feb. 27, 2013, 4-5 p.m. [Healthy Living – Healthy Students \(NWF\)](#)

Mar. 6, 2013, 2-3 p.m. [Integrated Pest Management in Schools: Protecting Children from Pests and Pesticides \(EPA\)](#)

Reducing Asthma Triggers Using Integrated Pest Management Techniques

Asthma in America is epidemic among children, impacting nearly 25% in urban areas and becoming the leading cause of hospital visits in low-income neighborhoods each year. Pest allergens and pesticides are contributing factors, with cockroaches being among the most potent asthma triggers. So how can you utilize best management practices to effectively control pest allergens through integrated pest management (IPM)? Green Shield Certified®, an award-winning, independent certification for practitioners of effective, prevention-based IPM, will host a webinar on **Thursday, February 21**, at 12:00PM CST. Participants will learn ways to manage and reduce asthma triggers by controlling pest allergens using green pest management techniques. Topics include:

- Why pest allergens trigger asthma symptoms
- Pest allergens as a major public health issue
- Asthma statistics in public housing and schools
- Successful IPM-based pest allergen reduction projects
- Best management practices to prevent asthma triggers

Speakers include: John Kane, IPM coordinator and planner, Boston Housing Authority; Dr. Chad Gore, entomologist and regional technical manager, Rentokil; and Dr. Thomas Green, president, IPM Institute.

This webinar is open to Extension agents, education administrators, health inspectors, facility managers, pest management professionals and others interested in learning more about reducing asthma triggers. Please [register now](#) for this free webinar! For any questions or comments please contact Caitlin Seifert, Green Shield Certified project coordinator, cseifert@ipminstitute.org or (608)232-1426. *Included PDF has additional details.*

WORKSHOPS

Stalking the Seaside Sparrow: a teacher professional development opportunity.

The Coastal Waters Consortium (cwc.lumcon.edu) and LUMCON marine education are hosting a professional development workshop on **March 1-2, 2013** for educators interested in learning about methods being used to monitor Louisiana's seaside sparrow population after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. Workshop participants will help to capture birds, collect data, and release birds. Attendees will also learn about the questions scientists are asking, what these marsh inhabitants can tell us about the health of the marshes, and gain more insight about the impacts of the oil spill.

Workshop Highlights:

- Hands-on training in scientific collection of data on live birds in the field
- Networking with scientists from LSU AgCenter
- Classroom resources and environmental science content
- FREE meals and lodging
- Up to 12 CLUs, and so much more!

No experience needed . . . only a willing mind! Spaces Available: 10 total (first-come-first-served basis)

*Participants will need to be in good physical condition. Participation will require physical activity.

Registration Deadline: Feb 25, 2013

Workshop Fee: \$20/person—non-refundable. Payment must be received prior to the workshop.

Location: Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), DeFelice Marine Center, Cocodrie Louisiana

Contact: Murt Conover (985) 851-2860 or mconover@lumcon.edu

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Healthy and Sustainable School Food Journalism Award

Earth Day Network, an environmental nonprofit organization in Washington, DC, has created the first annual [Healthy and Sustainable School Food Journalism Award](#), a competition for student journalists. Articles submitted for consideration must be about the need for healthy, sustainable school food and must have been published in a school newspaper. U.S. high school students ages 13 to 18 can enter. Best-selling author Michael Pollan will judge the finalists and select the winners! First prize: \$1,500. Second prize: \$1,000. Third prize: \$500. Fourth Prize (x3): \$300 ...Plus, \$200 for your journalism class and the opportunity to have your work publicized on our websites and through our extensive networks. [Click here to learn more about the competition and how to enter.](#)

RESOURCES

CWPPRA Releases New Video!

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Task Force is pleased to announce that they have produced a new video titled "Join CWPPRA- Make a Difference; Educate!" The short film highlights CWPPRA, the importance of wetland restoration education, and the new Urban Waters federal program. Children from the St. Benedict the Moor School in New Orleans, John Tubbs with the Department of Interior, Bill Honker from the Environmental Protection Agency, and Dinah Maygarden from the University of New Orleans join together to inspire people to learn more about Louisiana's coastal ecosystems. Take a few minutes to watch and listen to these children and experts teach you about the dire need for continued coastal habitat restoration and the connection to urban estuaries. Watch the film on the [CWPPRA website](#). For additional information contact CWPPRA Public Outreach Coordinator, Susan Testroet-Bergeron, at BergeronS@usgs.gov or 337-266-8626.

Last Smart Growth Summit Session to Air on LPB2

Select sessions from the 2012 Smart Growth Summit have been airing over the last couple of weeks on LPB2 as part of their Newsmakers series (Channel 122 on Cox Cable or 27-2 over the air). Tomorrow night (**February 16, 2013, 5:30-6:00 pm**) will be the last one, *The Value of Planning* featuring Mitchell J. Silver, chief planning and economic development officer for the City of Raleigh's Planning Department and, president of the American Planning Association, and 2012 summit keynote speaker. Visit the [LPB website](#) for more details. The 2012 videos will soon be available online along with speaker presentations.

*Find out about wetland outreach activities including symposiums, conferences, meetings, educational opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and related support material at the **Louisiana Unified Coastal Community Calendar** at <http://lacoast.gov/calendar/>*

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